

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY  
OF MARCUS RASKIN

**HON. JERROLD NADLER**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 8, 2018*

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Marcus Goodman Raskin, who passed away on December 24, 2017 at the age of 83. He was a committed civil rights advocate, staunch antiwar activist, respected academic, and prolific author.

Born in Milwaukee on April 30, 1934, Mr. Raskin, whose father was a plumber and mother was a seamstress, was a musical prodigy and studied piano at the Julliard School. Nevertheless, he abandoned a musical career to study politics at the University of Chicago and graduated from the University's Law School. He later worked for Robert W. Kastenmeier, a highly respected liberal Member of the U.S. House of Representatives from the State of Wisconsin. Thereafter, he joined the Kennedy Administration as an assistant to National Security Advisor McGeorge Bundy.

Based on this experience, he went on to found, together with Richard J. Barnet, the Institute for Policy Studies, a progressive think tank studying nuclear disarmament, economic inequality, civil rights, and national security. With the advent of the Vietnam War, Mr. Raskin actively opposed the draft and aggressively urged resistance to the war, for which he became the target of law enforcement prosecutors. He played a significant role in facilitating the publication in The New York Times of the Pentagon Papers, a comprehensive classified study that exposed the faulty decision-making leading to the United States' entry into the Vietnam War. As a result of his antiwar activism, Mr. Raskin was added to President Richard M. Nixon's notorious "enemies list", along with such other luminaries as journalist Daniel Schorr, movie actor Paul Newman, and various Members of Congress.

Notwithstanding the loss of Mr. Raskin, we are fortunate that his son, Representative JAMIE RASKIN, a Representative from the State of Maryland, currently serves as Vice Ranking Member of the House Judiciary Committee. In addition, the Committee has benefitted from the outstanding service provided by Maggie Lopatin, his granddaughter, who was the administrative backbone of the Committee for six years.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to commend the life and inspiring achievements of Mr. Raskin and to offer my heartfelt condolences to his loving family.

39TH ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 8, 2018*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and reflect on his life and work, we are reminded of the challenges that democracy poses to us and the delicate nature of liberty. Dr. King's life and, unfortunately, his untimely death, remind us that we must continually work to secure and protect our freedoms. In his courage to act, his willingness to meet challenges, and his ability to achieve, Dr. King embodied all that is good and true in the battle for liberty.

The spirit of Dr. King lives on in the citizens of communities throughout our nation. It lives on in the people whose actions reflect the spirit of resolve and achievement that will help move our country into the future. I am honored to rise today to recognize several individuals from Indiana's First Congressional District who will be recognized during the 39th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast on Saturday, January 13, 2018, at the Genesis Convention Center in Gary, Indiana. The Gary Frontiers Service Club, which was founded in 1952, sponsors this annual breakfast.

The Gary Frontiers Service Club will pay tribute to local individuals who have for decades selflessly contributed to improving the quality of life for the people of Gary. This year, Earmon Irons will be honored with the prestigious Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award. Additionally, several individuals will be recognized as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Marchers at this year's breakfast including Chareice White, Mark Spencer, Roma Ivey, Henry L. Jones, Dharathula Harris, and Dr. Janet Seabrook.

Though very different in nature, the achievements of each of these individuals reflect many of the same attributes that Dr. King possessed, as well as the values he advocated. Like Dr. King, these individuals saw challenges and faced them with unwavering strength and determination. Each one of the honored guests' greatness has been found in their willingness to serve with "a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love." They set goals and work selflessly to make them a reality.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending these honorees, as well as the Gary Frontiers Service Club officers, President Oliver Gilliam, who also served as the MLK Breakfast Chairman, Vice President Charles Jackson, Recording Secretary Linnal Ford, Financial Secretary Melvin Ward, and Treasurer/Seventh District Director Floyd Donaldson, and all members of the service club for their initiative, determination, and dedication to serving the people of Northwest Indiana.

RILETTA L. CREAM

**HON. DONALD NORCROSS**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 8, 2018*

Mr. NORCROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Riletta L. Cream, a lifelong constituent of New Jersey's First Congressional District who distinguished herself as a devoted educator and public servant.

Born and raised in South Camden, Mrs. Cream would ascend to high-profile leadership positions, earning the admiration and respect of constituents across Southern New Jersey.

After graduating from Camden High School in 1944, Mrs. Cream attended Glassboro State College, now known as Rowan University, and would embark on a remarkable, four-decade career in education, serving as an elementary school teacher, then principal of Pyne Poynt & Camden High Schools in her home City. Mrs. Cream's reputation as a no-nonsense educator led Camden High School through transformative change in her 15 year tenure as principal, and was regarded as a mentor and role model for students, teachers, and administrators alike.

After retiring from Camden High School, Mrs. Cream served as administrator for BPUM, Inc. Day Care Centers, and later as an adjunct professor and supervisor of student teachers at both Rowan and Rutgers Universities.

In 1994, Mrs. Cream was appointed to the Camden County New Jersey Board of Chosen Freeholders. Mrs. Cream earned reelection to that post four times, shepherding critical education-focused projects, including the installation of computers in classrooms, the implementation of distance learning equipment for students and teachers, and expanding Camden County's Library System.

Mrs. Cream was an ardent advocate for continuing education, encouraging and inspiring individuals to pursue academic dreams, and supported those endeavors by writing letters of recommendation for students and establishing scholarships for graduates of Camden's high schools.

On December 18, 2017, Mrs. Cream passed away, and a beacon of promise was dimmed.

Today, a school and library bear Mrs. Cream's name, and stand in tribute to her enduring legacy and are inspiring future generations of students.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the life, contributions, and service of a woman who blazed trails and deserves to be remembered for her selfless service and commitment, from a grateful community, the Honorable Riletta Cream.

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## DANCING ANGELS

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 8, 2018*

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a poem, on behalf of Albert Carey Caswell, to honor a great American family of faith and courage. On March 6, 2012, CW2 Edward "Duane" Cantrell of the United States Army, a team leader of The Green Berets, with four Purple Hearts, and 6 Tours in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars died in a house fire while trying to save his two lovely daughters Isabella and Natalia. They all perished together. Left behind in the wake of all of this sorrow and heartache was his wife Louise, who has taken the most horrific of circumstances and created a foundation in remembrance of them and to provide scholarships, and other assistance to help passionate and committed young dancers to fulfill their dreams called "Dancing Angels". She is an inspiration to us all.

Rise

Rise up to heaven with tears in your eyes  
Little Sisters who've brought such joy in  
their little short lives

As before our Lord you now lie  
As so gently he wipes away all of those tears  
from your eyes

Don't worry your safe now,  
in our Lord's arms you now lie  
And your Daddy is right by your side  
So hush little girls don't you cry  
With your most courageous Mother left on  
earth in your name to vie

Who for all of you and us must somehow still  
try

For she has so many hearts to heal  
And so much inspiration for all of us to feel  
To so teach us  
To so beseech us

To so show this world what is real  
And she has so much more to do  
Until, one day she comes up to heaven to be  
with you

But, its not yet her time  
for our world needs to look upon her warm  
hue

So dance,  
dance for her and your Daddy and our Lord  
up in heaven in view

And she will hear you on the wind  
And she will feel you in the morning when  
she awakes, as next to her all night  
you have been

To help her find the strength, all in what a  
heart of courage can mend

As up to heaven on this day  
Two little beautiful Angels, Isabella and  
Natalia have so made their way

As they begin to dance night and day  
As they begin their dance,  
which makes our Lord smile and pray

And if you listen closely on the wind,  
we can hear their little footsteps my friends  
And all of these lessons about life by Louise  
time and again

To help all hearts of despair somehow to  
mend

And that out of the darkness, light too can  
come in

Whenever hearts of courage begin  
To against all odds to so fend  
Heartache and sorrow my friends  
Because, out of such pain and such sorrow,  
a new tomorrow from faith deep down within  
can begin!

So dance, dance Little Angels,  
with but smiles on your face from heaven  
you send

And let us remember life is so short, let not  
the minutes you waste time and again  
So hold your families close  
And ever remember what so means the most  
And from a distance what now seems like the  
very worst  
May not be this end,  
for isn't it up in heaven where we all wish to  
transcend

And that's where all these Dancing Angels  
on this day can heard  
Dance, Dance, Dance Little Angels,  
hush little girls don't you cry  
Because, one day up in Heaven you will look  
into your Mother's beautiful eyes

When, she comes up to be with you and  
Daddy and our Lord on high  
So Dance, Dance, and wipe all of those tears  
from your eyes

Amen.

## HONORING LYNN RANEY

**HON. RODNEY DAVIS**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 8, 2018*

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Lynn Raney, who passed away on December 28th. He was a talented artist, a dedicated state worker, an admired teacher, and a respected member of our Central Illinois community.

Lynn found great joy in serving others. I got to know him during his time working in public service for the State of Illinois. There was never a day Lynn did not have a smile on his face, even in the midst of difficult family health tragedies.

As a boy, Lynn was active in the Boy Scouts, achieving honors such as the Eagle Scout, the Silver Beaver, and the Wood Badge. Later in life he was proud to serve as a volunteer, teaching the values of the Boy Scouts to younger generations.

I have no doubt that Lynn will be remembered well for his talent as an artist. Not only did he teach art to high school students, but he was known for the care and creativity he put into his annual Christmas cards. Just before Christmas, I received one of his cards and I will cherish it even more after his passing.

I am proud to honor Lynn today. He left a lasting impact on everyone who knew him. He was a good friend, a devoted husband, and a loving father who will be missed by many. My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time.

## OATH CEREMONY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 8, 2018*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure and sincerity that I take this time to congratulate thirty individuals who took their oaths of citizenship on Friday, January 5, 2018. This memorable occasion was held at the United States Courthouse and Federal Building in Hammond, Indiana.

America is a country founded by immigrants. From its beginning, settlers have come from countries around the world to the United

States in search of better lives for their families. Oath ceremonies are a shining example of what is so great about the United States of America—that people from all over the world can come together and unite as members of a free, democratic nation. These individuals realize that nowhere else in the world offers a better opportunity for success than here in America.

On January 5, 2018, the following people, representing many nations throughout the world, took their oaths of citizenship in Hammond, Indiana: Drago Pupac, Branka Pupac, Diep Dinh Do, Asma Aftab, Niranjan Awasthi, Magdalena Anna Skupien, Claudio Eduardo Diaz Ayala, Maria Griselda Rodriguez Diaz, Carmela Velazquez, Florencia Stoll, Susan Pandey Joshi, Mamoon Arif Raza, Jayakumar Chockalingam, Syed Muhammad Aftab, Sergiy Igorovyc Mosendz, Leah Nyokabi Wambui, Heidie Principe Kuskye, Krystyna Zofia Kret, Chiamara Chibueze Ugochukwu Anokwute, Rubinely Calderon, Carlos Cortes, Andrea Gianelli Cunanan, J. Refugio Garcia, Marie Grace Healy, Manuel Herbert Leyva, Ume Ruman Khaja, Maria Marquez, Cristian Alberto Osoria, Amy Hui Ren, and Federico Santamaria.

Although each individual has sought to become a citizen of the United States for his or her own reasons, be it for education, occupation, or to offer their loved ones better lives, each is inspired by the fact that the United States of America is, as Abraham Lincoln described it, a country "... of the people, by the people, and for the people." They realize that the United States is truly a free nation. By seeking American citizenship, they have made the decision that they want to live in a place where, as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution, they can practice religion as they choose, speak their minds without fear of punishment, and assemble in peaceful protest should they choose to do so.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in congratulating these individuals who became citizens of the United States of America on January 5, 2018. They, too, are American citizens, guaranteed the inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We, as a free and democratic nation, congratulate them and welcome them.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BUILD  
AMERICA ACT OF 2018**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, January 8, 2018*

Mr. HASTINGS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the Build America Act of 2018, legislation that will significantly increase the size and scope of two very successful merit-based infrastructure grant programs without adding a penny to the national debt. Specifically, this legislation would remove the Capital Investment Grant Program (CIG), also known as New Starts/Small Starts, and the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery Grant Program (TIGER Grants) from the annual appropriations process, establishing them as mandatory programs with permanent and expanded funding. My bill proposes to increase TIGER funding to \$3 billion